on the doctrines of "active defence", "limited war under high technological conditions" and the creation of "rapid reaction combat units" with a focus on her periphery. The redefinition of China's "strategic frontiers", coupled with military modernisation programmes, are rapidly transforming the force projection capabilities of China's armed forces in the sea, air and on land. In recent years, China has also engaged in upgrading logistic and infrastructure facilities in the India-China border areas.

India's defence policy must take into account our complex security environment including this nuclear weapon and missile capability. China is also assisting Pakistan in its nuclear weapons programme and development of missiles. Defence relations between China and Myanmar also have a bearing on India's security.

R.M. in his recent press statements has reiterated our security concerns which have also been expressed by many leaders in the past and in various official documents.

Reacting to the reported statements of the R.M. the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs commented that China does not pose any threat to any country. They said that the so called argument that China is the biggest threat to India is "absolutely ridiculous and not worthy of refutation".

In recent years there has been steady improvement in India-China relations. India believes that the five principles of peaceful coexistence, jointly enunciated by India and China, are of continuing relevance to the development of inter-State relations. Government of India remains committed to the development of a good neighbourly and mutually beneficial relationship with China. It also remains committed to seek resolution of all the issues with China through mutual consultations and dialogues.

All developments having bearing on India's security are constantly monitored and necessary measures are taken as required to maintain appropriate defence preparedness.

Tata Tea Officers' Links with ULFA

*12. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that the Senior Officers of the Tata Tea Company in Assam had links with ULFA terrorists;

(b)whether it is also a fact that the Company used to pay money to the terrorists;

(c)if so, the details of the Officers involved and the amount paid to the terrorists;

(d)whether any enquiry has been instituted by the Union Government or the State Government;

(e)if so, the outcome of the enquiry; and

(f)the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the persons responsible in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Certain links between ULFA and the Tata Tea Company have come to the notice of Government.

(b) to (f) The Company has denied having made any payment to ULFA.

The Assam Police have registered cases against certain Senior Executives of Tata Tea Company. Action will be taken as per the law of the land.

Investment in Power Sector

*13. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)the total investment, both by private and public sectors, in power sector since 1991 i.e. since liberalisation;

(b)the actual extra power generation capacity added during this period and the capacity that was originally planned;

(c)the present status of the ongoing i projects and by when the power is expected to flow from new projects; and

(d)whether necessary equipment for evacuation of power is already in place or expected to be ready alongwith generation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM: (a) The total plan outlay in the public sector for schemes under the purview of Ministry of Power from 1991-92 to 1996-97 was of the order of Rs. 102000 crores. In the private sector, it is assessed that investments of over Rs. 3,600 crores have already been made. In addition, projects with over all private investment of Rs. 17842 crores are at different stages of construction.

(b) As against the capacity addition target of 34,348.8 MW envisaged for 1991-92 and the Eighth Plan period (1992—97) together, the total achievement has been 19449.5 MW.

There are at present around 83 on going projects which are at different stages of construction. It is assessed that benefits of around 21,500 MW would materialise from these schemes by 2001-02.

Power evacuation plan is approved and implemented to match with the schedule of generation projects.

Rural Areas Employment Programme

*14. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)what are the benefits accrued to the people through its Rural Areas Employment Programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b)the details of the schemes through which the employment was generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The major employment programmes for wage employment and self-employment being implemented in the rural areas of the country by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment are as under:—

(i) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)

(ii) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)

(iii) Million Wells Scheme (MWS)

(iv) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)

(v) Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM)

(vi) Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)

(vii) Supply of Improved Toolkits for Rural Artisans (SITRA)

The details of benefits accrued i.e. Physical Achievement under JRY, EAS, MWS, IRDP, TRYSEM, DWCRA, SITRA during last three years, state-wise and year-wise are given in Annexure respectively. *[See Appendix 184, Annexure No. 6.J*

Slim and Trim Policy for the armed forces

*15. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether on the eve of the 49th Army Day, Government announced its slim and trim policy, removing the flab and adding the muscle for the armed forces;

(b)if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c)the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Government has not made any such announcement on the eve of Army Day. It has always been the policy of the Government to modernise the Indian Army and equip them with modern weapons and equipment. Government have also given emphasis on improving the teeth to tail ratio in the Army with a view to improving its effectiveness.